

Loyalsock Township School District

Benchmarks: What Students Should Know and Be Able to Do

### Social Studies

#### **Topic: Welcome to Second Grade**

Students will learn about American symbols (e.g., the American Flag and the Bald Eagle) and the proper way to take care of the American flag. They will discuss the importance of being honest. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.2.3.D, 5.1.3.C, 5.1.3.F, and 5.2.3.A.

#### **Topic: Where is Our Country?**

Students will learn the locations of various places in the United States. They will also learn ways to measure and describe distance. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, and 8.4.3.A.

#### **Topic: Rules and Responsibility**

Students will extend and refine their knowledge of rules and the consequences of breaking them. They will learn that people in authority have limits on their authority. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.3.A, 5.1.3.B, 5.2.3.A, 5.2.3.C, and 5.3.3.D.

#### **Topic: Good Citizens**

Students learn some qualities of a good citizen and understand the benefits and consequences of fulfilling or not fulfilling their responsibilities. They will learn that privacy is a right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.3.A, 5.1.3.B, 5.1.3.C, 5.1.3.D, 5.3.3.F, 8.1.3.B, 8.1.3.C, 8.2.3.B, 8.3.3.A, and 8.3.3.B.

#### **Topic: History and Time**

Students will learn that history tells the story of people and events from different times and places. They will also extend their knowledge of calendar time. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 8.1.3.A, 8.1.3.B, 8.1.3.C, 8.4.3.A, 8.4.3.B, and 8.4.3.C.

**Topic: Technology**

The students will learn how to use technology in the media center and classroom. They will also learn about primary sources and how they help us learn about history. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 8.1.3.A, 8.1.3.B, and 8.1.3.C.

**Topic: Explorers**

Students will learn about world explorers (e.g., Christopher Columbus, Ponce de Leon, and Marco Polo) and U.S. explorers (e.g., Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea). This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, 8.1.3.B, 8.1.3.C, 8.3.3.A, 8.3.3.C, 8.3.3.D, 8.4.3.A, and 8.4.3.B.

**Topic: North American Indian Nations**

Students will learn that American Indians were the first inhabitants of North America. They will learn about American Indian culture. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 8.1.3.B, 8.1.3.C, 8.3.3.C, 8.3.3.D, 8.4.3.A, 8.4.3.B, 8.4.3.C, and 8.4.3.D.

**Topic: The Pilgrims Come to America**

Students will learn about the Mayflower Compact and the hardships the Pilgrims suffered in America, including disease and scarcity. They will also learn how American Indians helped the Pilgrims survive. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.3.D, 5.1.3.F, 6.1.3.A, 6.1.3.B, 8.1.3.B, 8.1.3.C, 8.3.3.A, 8.3.3.B, 8.3.3.C, 8.3.3.D, 8.4.3.A, and 8.4.3.B.

**Topic: Changes in Communities**

Students will explore ways the daily life of early colonists changed over time and how communities eventually became the cities and towns we live in today. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.2.3.D, 5.2.3.C, 6.1.3.A, 6.1.3.B, 7.2.3.A, 7.2.3.B, 7.3.3.A, and 7.4.3.B.

**Topic: Changes for American Indians**

The students will learn about the impact of explorers and settlers on American Indians and how things changed as communities grew. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.3.F, 8.3.3.C, 8.3.3.D, 8.4.3.A, and 8.4.3.B.

### **Topic: Maps and Globes**

Students will learn the purposes of and the differences between maps and globes. They will locate various places (e.g., North and South Poles) on a globe. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.3.A and 7.1.3.B.

### **Topic: Using Maps**

Students will learn about types of maps. They will identify various locations in North America. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, and 7.3.3.A.

### **Topic: Earth**

The students will learn to identify the continents, oceans, equator, prime meridian and North and South Poles. They will also learn about using good judgment to be a responsible citizen. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 6.1.3.A, 6.1.3.B, 6.1.3.D, 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, 7.2.3.A, 7.2.3.B, 7.3.3.A, 7.4.3.A, and 7.4.3.B.

### **Topic: Presidents and Patriots**

Students will learn about people who have made important contributions to our country's history. They will also learn about individuals, events and documents that represent the United States. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.3.C, 5.1.3.D, 5.1.3.F, 5.2.3.A, 5.2.3.B, 5.3.3.F, 8.1.3.C, 8.2.3.C, 8.2.3.D, 8.3.3.A, 8.3.3.B, 8.3.3.C, and 8.3.3.D.

### **Topic: Celebrate America**

Students will discuss the importance of the Statue of Liberty. They will also recognize important American symbols like the Liberty Bell and the World War II memorial. They will learn about the contributions of an American Indian named Chief Joseph, as well as a Hispanic leader named Cesar Chavez. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.3.C, 5.1.3.F, 5.2.3.A, 5.2.3.C, 5.3.3.F, 5.3.3.G, 8.1.3.B, 8.1.3.C, 8.2.3.B, 8.3.3.A, 8.3.3.B, 8.3.3.C, 8.3.3.D, 8.4.3.A, and 8.4.3.B.

### **Topic: American Cultures**

Students will compare and contrast American Indian cultures of the past to cultures found in the United States today, including African American, Hispanic and Asian American cultures. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 8.4.3.A, 8.4.3.B, 8.4.3.C, and 8.4.3.D.

### **Topic: Government and Citizenship**

The students will learn why people form governments. They will also learn various ways to become an American citizen. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.2.3.D, 5.1.3.A, 5.1.3.B, 5.1.3.C, 5.1.3.F, 5.2.3.A, 5.2.3.C, 5.3.3.B, 5.3.3.C, 5.3.3.D, 5.3.3.E, 5.3.3.G, 6.3.3.A, 6.3.3.C, 7.1.3.A, and 7.1.3.B.

### **Topic: Rights and Responsibilities**

Students will learn about major elected officials in their community (e.g., mayor, city commissioner). They will understand that rights and responsibilities reinforce each other and promote the common good. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.2.3.D, 5.1.3.C, 5.2.3.A, 5.2.3.C, 5.3.3.B, 5.3.3.C, 5.3.3.D, 5.3.3.E, 5.3.3.G, 8.1.3.A, 8.1.3.B, and 8.1.3.C.

### **Topic: Scientists, Artists and Inventors**

Students will learn about people from various backgrounds and cultures who made important contributions to our country. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 8.1.3.A, 8.1.3.C, 8.2.3.A, and 8.3.3.A.

### **Topic: Families and Trade**

Students will learn how trade helps families around the world meet their basic needs. They will discuss how scarcity affects the choices families make. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 6.1.3.A, 6.1.3.B, 6.1.3.C, 6.1.3.D, 6.2.3.A, 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, 7.2.3.A, 7.3.3.A, 7.4.3.A, 8.4.3.A, and 8.4.3.C.

### **Topic: Resources and Choices**

Students will extend and refine their knowledge of human, natural and capital resources and the ways they are used. They will know that there are costs and benefits of making choices. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 6.1.3.A, 6.1.3.B, 6.1.3.C, 6.1.3.D, 7.1.3.A, and 7.1.3.B.

### **Topic: Goods and Services**

Students will extend and refine their knowledge of the requirements of various jobs, understand that most people work to produce goods or services, and understand that work provides income. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 6.2.3.A, 6.3.3.A, 6.4.3.A, 6.5.3.A, and 6.5.3.B.

### **Topic: Money and Markets**

Students will understand the purpose of markets and the functions of a bank. They will also understand that people in different places depend on each other for goods and services. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 6.2.3.A, 6.2.3.D, 6.3.3.A, 6.5.3.G, 6.5.3.H, 7.1.3.A, and 7.1.3.B.